



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

Date: September 1, 2006

Confirmed Nursery Protocol

In February 2002, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) issued a federal domestic regulation for *Phytophthora ramorum* (7 CFR 301.92). Since the regulations were first published, *P. ramorum* has been detected in a number of nurseries. These detections prompted the need for a standard protocol for use by state and federal regulators to respond to finds of *P. ramorum* in nurseries. To ensure that there is consistency in responding to infestations of *P. ramorum*, a Confirmed Nursery Protocol (CNP) was developed and described the official activities performed within and around nurseries by USDA, APHIS staff in cooperation with state agriculture regulatory officials.

The goal of the protocol was to ensure that any infestations of this serious pathogen were consistently and effectively addressed, mitigated, and eradicated. Early detection and reporting of *P. ramorum* finds are critical to ensure that the infestation is contained and spread is minimized.

Due to emerging scientific data and research, APHIS has revised the CNP version 6.0. As of September 1, 2006, all nurseries that have confirmed positives *on or after* this date will be required to have CNP version 7.0 implemented. All nurseries that have confirmed positives prior to September 1, 2006, have the option to continue to use version 6.0 or the revised 7.0 version.